(*b*) if so, where is it going to be located ;

(*c*) whether any arrangements have been made to open the Polytechnic at least from the next academic year ;

(*d*) if so the nature of arrangements made in respect of (*i*) accommodation for candidates (*ii*) and courses of study in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering ?

A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education). —

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Exact place of location is yet to be decided.

(*c*) Attempts are being made to open the Polytechnic next year if suitable temporary buildings for the institution and hostel facilities for at least 50 per cent of the students are available.

(*d*) (*i*) The Deputy Commissioner has been addressed for accommodation.

(*ii*) The Special Officer appointed for the Polytechnic has procured a considerable part of equipment for the first year course in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—Supplementary to (*d*): where is the Deputy Commissioner to look for accommodation if the exact place of location is not decided yet ?

†Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—We have addressed the Deputy Commissioner to see whether any accommodation and hostel facilities and open land are available in Mercara itself.

POSTING OF DOCTOR TO RURAL HOSPITAL AT BIRUNANI.

**Q*.— 242. Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA (Virajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that it is more than three months since there is no doctor posted to Rural Hospital, Birunani;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that no in-patients are being admitted to the Hospital for want of a doctor though in-patient ward is attached to it;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that doctors are reluctant to be posted to Birunani Hospital as it is not

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connected with the main Ponnampet—Sreemangala Road by an all-whether vehicular road;

(*d*) if so what measures are contemplated to alleviate the sufferings of the people—

(1) in respect of posting of a permanent doctor and (2) to improve communication to Birunani Hospital from the main public road ?

A.—Dr. K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) There is no hospital at Birunani now.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*a*).

(*c*) Do

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Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—Supplementary to (*a*): May I know whether there was a hospital at Birunani before and if s , when was it abolished ?

†Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—There was a hospital there from 1952 to 1958.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—In the answer it is stated there is no hospital now. When it is admitted that there was a hospital since 1952, may I know the reasons for not posting a doctor there for so many months?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—From 1952–58 there was a hospital and a doctor was posted there. Now there is no hospital there and so we have not posted any doctor.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—What is the date of the Notification by which the hospital at Birunani was abolished.

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—The hospital was not actually abolished. It has been shifted from Birunani to Maranad in 1958.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—The hospital at Birunani was in a Hobli called Maranad and so it is there now in the same locality ?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—It is not in the same locality. It was located in a temporary building and now it has been shifted to a permanent building at Maranad.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—If a permanent hospital is located at Birunani in a building costing more than Rs. 16,000, may I know why a doctor has not been posted even for the in-patients ward ?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—Due to shortage of medical personnel, a doctor is not posted there.